

House Resolution 1466

By: Representatives Lindsey of the 54th, Ralston of the 7th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Geisinger of the 48th, Jones of the 46th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating Wendell Willard; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Honorable Wendell Willard, the distinguished Representative from the 49th
3 District, exemplifying the lawyer-statesman ideal, is serving in his 8th year as a member of
4 the House of Representatives; and

5 WHEREAS, the gentleman from the 49th has honorably served as the Chairman of the
6 House Committee on Judiciary since 2005; and

7 WHEREAS, February 26, 2008, marks Chairman Willard's fortieth anniversary as an
8 attorney in good standing with the State Bar of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, this native son grew up in Decatur, Georgia, served his country in the United
10 States Marine Corps Reserves, attended Georgia State University, and graduated from
11 Atlanta Law School; and

12 WHEREAS, instrumental in the founding of the cities of Sandy Springs, Johns Creek, and
13 Milton, the Chairman's roots with government began in the 1970's when he served as the
14 County Attorney for DeKalb County and have continued as he currently serves as the City
15 Attorney for Sandy Springs; and

16 WHEREAS, his distinguished legal career involves broad practice areas of general civil
17 litigation, commercial real estate, and condemnation and his expansive legal background has
18 served him well as a member of the House Appropriations, Ethics, Rules, State Planning &
19 Community Affairs, and Insurance Committees; and

20 WHEREAS, as chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary, he has demonstrated
21 excellent leadership ability in considering major legislation assigned to his committee, and
22 he has provided unyielding support and guidance to many controversial issues facing the

1 General Assembly, including improving this state's laws governing child support and child
2 protection and reform of Georgia's eminent domain laws; and

3 WHEREAS, while engaged in the full-time practice of law and public service, Mr. Willard
4 and his lovely wife, Vicki, are very active in the civic, religious, and social affairs of their
5 community; and

6 WHEREAS, Chairman Willard's four decades of excellent advocacy on behalf of clients
7 places him at the highest ranks of the legal profession in the State of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, his legislative experience and keen understanding of governmental problems
9 has made him one of the most influential members of this body; and

10 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
11 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; his loyalty, competency, reliability, and
12 enthusiasm have distinguished his superlative service to this state; and his friendship and
13 dapper style is noted by everyone under the Gold Dome.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
15 the members of this body commend Honorable Wendell Willard for his many years of
16 professional and loyal service to the people of this state, congratulate this extraordinary man
17 upon the stellar occasion of his fortieth anniversary as a Georgia attorney, and extend their
18 best wishes for continued success and public service.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Honorable Wendell Willard,
21 Representative of the 49th District.